

(c) All the States/Union Territories have been advised to conduct a survey on the status of drinking water supply in rural habitations covering all aspects like supply of drinking water as per the norms, partially covered habitations, the extent of quality and quantity problems encountered by the rural population in these habitations, requirement of drinking water for village level institutions, cattle etc.

(d) Preparatory action has been taken by the States/Union Territories to conduct the survey, the results of which are expected to be available in two phases by end of March, 1992 and on water quality analysis by June/July, 1992.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Shortage in Urban Areas of Madhya Pradesh

2159. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a scheme from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to be funded with the World Bank loan in order to remove the acute shortage of drinking water in urban areas of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Desert Prone and Drought affected areas of Rajasthan

2160. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted any scheme to the Union Government for the development of desert prone and drought affected areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected.

[English]

Inclusion in Desert Development Programme

2161. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have submitted any memorandum to the Planning Commission for including Udaipur, Ajmer, Jaipur and Sirohi districts under the Desert Development Programme,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received such memoranda from other states also; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Government of Rajasthan have submitted a memorandum to the National Committee set up for the appraisal of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for inclu-

sion of fringe areas of Udaipur, Jaipur, Ajmer and Sirohi districts under DDP.

(b) The fringe areas proposed for inclusion under DDP are Bhim and Deogarh tehsils of Udaipur district, selected villages of Sambhar, Phulera, Kotputli and Dudu tehsils of Jaipur district, selected villages of Pushkar and Kishangarh of Ajmer district and few villages of Shivganj and Revdar tehsils of Sirohi district.

(c) The Union Government have received such memoranda from all the fourteen DPAP and DDP States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujrat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) The National Committee have submitted their report on 13.8.1990 recommending transfer of DPAP & DDP to the concerned State Governments for implementation. In view of this suggestion for transfer, the Committee was of the view that the States would themselves identify areas for future coverage of these programmes.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Areas under desert Development Programme

2162. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur has identified many such areas in Rajasthan which do not come under the Desert Development Programme;

(b) if so, the names of these areas;

(c) whether area under desert can increase as these areas do not come under

the Desert Development Programme; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to include these areas in the Desert Development Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIG. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). At the instance of the Government of Rajasthan, the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur, Rajasthan examined the climatic data of Sirohi, Ajmer and Jaipur districts to find out arid areas not covered under Desert Development Programme (DDP). The results indicated the following:-

<i>Districts</i>	<i>Percent arid areas of the district</i>
Sirohi	14.15
Ajmer	12.46
Jaipur	3.13

(c) The research findings of CAZRI reveal that the desert is not expanding.

(d) The question does not arise.

[English]

Import of Technology by Haldia Petrochemicals Limited

2163. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned "Reliance asked to slash fee-Haldia Petrochemicals over invoices tech-